

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Official Communication dated August 26, 2003, which is a special request by the Patent Office for the applicant to supplement its Reply which was (officially) filed on May 29, 2003.

In response to the Examiner's first inquiry, it is respectfully submitted that newly added claim 23 is supported by the same section of the specification which supports claim 1, because it substantially conforms to that claim in the subject matter presented. The claim 23 is also supported by Figure 6C of the instant specification.

For example, claim 23 cannot be said to be anticipated by Takayama, et al. because no cylindrical body found in Takayama, et al. is inserted into a square-shaped body as in claim 23.

Takayama, et al. describes a method for manufacturing a chip inductor in which kneaded material in the form of powdered magnetic material and a binder are fed under pressure to a primary extruder. This initial process produces a winding core which emerges from the extruder at the speed of 30 meters per minute, for example. This bar-body has a circular cross-section and, after it is dried in a dryer, a conducting wire is wound by a winding device around the circular, bar-like body.

This bar-like body with the winding on it, is fed to a secondary extruder in which the round body is coated by another kneaded material, which passes through a generally square-shaped extruder. This outer coating is represented by the material 12 in Figure 2.

The entire process of the invention of claim 23 which involves the reshaping of a solid body which is initially round, into a 4-sided body, is missing in this reference. Neither an anticipation, nor an obviousness rejection is appropriate therefore, relative to claim 23.

As alluded to earlier, claim 23 is substantially modeled after claim 1 prior to its incorporation of the limitations of claim 2 by the present Amendment. That claim 23 is supported by and is readable upon the elected species, particularly as represented by Figure 6C.

Accordingly, the applicant renews its request and urges the Examiner to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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